Appointment of Secretary of All India Handloom Society

*286. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SMT MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that senior posts including that of Secretary have not yet been filled in the All India Handloom society since 1994;

(b) whether the All India Handloom Society has changed the auditors appointed by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) As per the information furnished by All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd., the post of Secretary of the Society has been lying vacant since June, 1994. The senior most Additional Secretary, as per the past practice, is looking after the work of Secretary as a temporary arrangement, with the approval of Board of Directors. The process of Selection for the post has already been completed and a panel of names has been approved by the Selection Committee as prescribed under the Multi-State Cooperative Soceities Rules and communicated to the Society for placing this before its Board for appointment.

(b) The Society have never changed the Government auditors appointed by the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies at any time.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of coastal wing of Home Guards Battalion in Gujarat

*287. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up Coastal wing of Home Guards Battalion in Gujarat is pending for long; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps the Central Government proposing for security of international border of Gujarat; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) The question presumably refers to the sanction of additional strength of Border Wing Home Guards for Gujarat. The references received from the State Government in this regard in the past were replied to. A proposal has been received from the State Government recently asking for permission to raise two battalions of Home Guards on the lines of the Border Wing Home Guards. According to the State Government, this will enable them to involve local people effectively in their effort to strengthen coastal security.

Vigilance is being maintained along the international border of Gujarat. Various measures have also been taken in connection with coastal security in the State. These include, inter-alia, deployment of BSF Water Wing units, setting up of Naval detachments, patrolling along the coast, strengthening of intelligence network and enhancing the presence of local police in the coastal districts, etc.

Misappropriation in Saving Bank Accounts and NSC in Post Office of Kengeri

*288. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has recently detected misappropriation of Rs. 75 lakhs from the Saving Bank Accounts, NSC etc. at a Post Office in Kengeri, South Division; and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether similar frauds involving crores of rupees were also detected earlier in Post Office in Belgaum and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to check the recurrence of such frauds in the Post Office in future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) An incidence of fraud committed by the Sub Postmaster, Kengeri Sub Post Office under Basavanagudi Head Post Office (Karnataka) in